Dimensionally Stable Membrane for High Pressure Electrolyzers, Phase I



Completed Technology Project (2008 - 2008)

Project Introduction

Utilizing high strength polymers with controlled pore dimensions as a support, a customized membrane electrode assembly (MEA) can be generated for NASA's electrolyzer stack that has optimized electrochemical performance with greatly improved mechanical properties enabling high pressure (>1000 psi) operation. The overall objective is to generate and test an optimized dimensionally stable membrane (DSM) for a lunar NASA application. This will be accomplished through four tasks; 1. Generation of DSM MEAs of various configurations; 2. Testing of these MEAs; 3. Modeling and fitting of test data to electrolyzer performance; 4. Use model to generate optimum 1000 psi Electrolyzer MEA and test.

Primary U.S. Work Locations and Key Partners



Organizations Performing Work	Role	Туре	Location
☆Glenn Research	Lead	NASA	Cleveland,
Center(GRC)	Organization	Center	Ohio
Giner Electrochemical	Supporting	Industry	Newton,
Systems, LLC	Organization		Massachusetts



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Organizational Responsibility

Responsible Mission Directorate:

Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD)

Lead Center / Facility:

Glenn Research Center (GRC)

Responsible Program:

Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Tech Transfer



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Massachusetts	Ohio	

Project Management

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Technology Areas

Primary:

- TX06 Human Health, Life Support, and Habitation Systems
 - ─ TX06.2 Extravehicular Activity Systems
 - ☐ TX06.2.4

 Decompression

 Sickness Mitigation

